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In Re Application of:

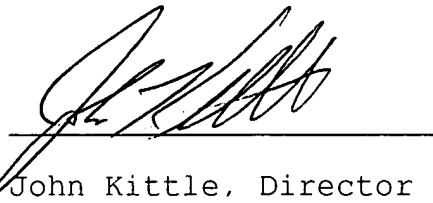
Serial No.: 09/199,854 : DECISION ON
Filed: November 25, 1998 : PETITION
For: Uterine Contraction Detection :
And Initiation System And :
Method :

This is a decision on applicant's request filed September 01, 2000 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, mailed June 30, 2000, for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated November 09, 1999.

In support of the request, applicant has submitted a copy of a request for a three month extension of time and a response with a certificate of mailing dated May 05, 2000. Applicant has also submitted a declaration attesting to the timely mailing as required by 37 CFR 1.8(b).

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed June 30, 2000 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. This application is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

Summary : Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.



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